

BILL NO. _____

94-47

COUNTY COUNCIL

AS AMENDED

OF

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 94-47 (as amended)

Introduced by Council President Wilson at the request of the County
Executive

Legislative Day No. 94-16 Date May 24, 1994

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 84-1, Address Numbers on Improved Property, of Article I, Address/House Numbers, of Chapter 84, Buildings, General, of the Harford County Code, as amended, to provide for changes to the requirements for the display of addresses on improved real property.

By the Council, May 24, 1994

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: June 21, 1994

at: 6:30 p.m.

By Order: James D. Vannoy, Acting Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on June 21, 1994, and concluded on, June 21, 1994.

James D. Vannoy, Acting Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland, that Section 84-1, Address numbers on improved property, of Article I, Address/House Numbers, of Chapter 84, Buildings, General, the Harford County Code, as amended, be and is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments; all to read as follows:

Chapter 84. Buildings, General

Article I. Address/House Numbers

Section 84-1. Address numbers on improved property.

A. In this section, the following words shall have the meanings indicated:

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE:

(1) Any member of the Harford County Sheriff's Department; or

(2) Any supervisory employee of:

(a) The Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

(b) The Department of Planning and Zoning

(c) The Department of Public Works.

(d) The Department of Emergency ~~Communications~~ OPERATIONS.

OWNER - The individual, partnership, firm, association, corporation or other entity whose name appears on the tax records of the county for any property subject to the provisions of this section.

B. Display of address numbers.

(1) An owner of improved real property shall display arabic numerals indicating the [address number] NUMERICAL ADDRESS assigned to the property.

[(2) The numerals:

(a) Shall be attached to the outside of the main improvement on the property.

(b) Shall be of a color that contrasts with that of the improvement.

(c) May include a letter only if the letter is part of the

address number assigned to the property.

(3) If the numerals are not clearly visible from the roadway named in the address of the property, the owner shall post a second set of numerals clearly visible from the roadway.

(4) The owner of an improvement shall display a second set of numerals on the rear of the improvement if the improvement:

(a) Is used for commercial purposes; and

(b) Is connected to another improvement used for commercial purposes.]

(2) THE OWNER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACHMENT OF SUCH NUMERALS TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE MAIN PORTION OF THE IMPROVED PROPERTY SO THAT THE ADDRESS IS PLAINLY VISIBLE FROM THE PUBLIC ROADWAY ON WHICH THE PROPERTY FRONTS.

(3) THE OWNER SHALL USE NUMERALS AT LEAST 3 INCHES HIGH AND OF A COLOR WHICH CONTRASTS WITH THE SURFACE ON WHICH THEY ARE MOUNTED. THE NUMERALS MAY INCLUDE A LETTER ONLY IF THE LETTER IS PART OF THE ADDRESS ASSIGNED TO THE PROPERTY. THE OWNER MAY USE A NUMERAL ~~1.5~~ 3 INCHES HIGH IF DISPLAYED WITHIN 10 FEET OF THE PUBLIC ROADWAY.

(4) THE OWNER OF AN IMPROVED PROPERTY SHALL DISPLAY A SECOND SET OF NUMERALS ON THE REAR OF THE PRINCIPAL IMPROVEMENT IF THE IMPROVEMENT IS USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

(5) IF THE NUMERALS ARE NOT CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE ROADWAY NAMED IN THE ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY OR IF THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED MORE THAN 150 FEET FROM THE ROADWAY, THE OWNER SHALL POST A SECOND SET OF NUMERALS CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE ROADWAY. NUMERALS SHALL BE MOUNTED ON A CONTRASTING SURFACE AT LEAST 3 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND AND LOCATED AT THE DRIVEWAY OR ENTRANCE LANE WITHIN 10 FEET OF THE PUBLIC ROADWAY.

(6) NUMERALS DISPLAYED ON A MAILBOX MAY QUALIFY ONLY IF THE MAILBOX IS LOCATED ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE PUBLIC ROADWAY AS THE IMPROVED PROPERTY AND THE NUMERALS ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE WHEN APPROACHING FROM EITHER DIRECTION ALONG THE ROADWAY. IN THE CASE OF MULTIPLE IMPROVED PROPERTIES SERVED BY A SINGLE LANE OR DRIVEWAY, THE NUMERALS ASSIGNED TO EACH PROPERTY SHALL ALSO BE DISPLAYED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE LANE OR DRIVEWAY WITHIN 10 FEET OF THE PUBLIC ROADWAY, AND AT EACH BRANCH OR JUNCTION OF THE LAND OR DRIVEWAY TO INDICATE THE PROPER LANE OR DRIVEWAY FOR EACH IMPROVED PROPERTY.

C. Warning for violation.

(1) A county representative who observes a violation of this section may issue a written warning to the owner of the property involved.

(2) The warning shall be issued by certified mail and notify the owner:

(a) Of the requirements of this section.

(b) How to comply with the requirements.

(c) That failure to comply with the warning within fifteen (15) days constitutes a violation of this section that is punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.).

(3) The warning shall be MAILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS on a standard form developed by the Department of ~~Emergency Communications~~.

D. Violations and penalties.

(1) An owner who fails to comply with a warning issued under Subsection C of this section is in violation of this section and is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding:

(a) Twenty-five dollars (\$25.) for a first offense.

1 (b) Fifty dollars (\$50.) for a second offense.

2 (c) One hundred dollars (\$100.) for each subsequent
3 offense.

4 (2) The Harford County Sheriff's Department shall enforce the
5 provisions of this section.

6 (3) The county may collect any fines imposed under this
7 section by commencing a civil action in the district court
8 for Harford County.

9 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take
10 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: September 13, 1994

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HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 94-47 (as amended)(Brief Title) House Numbering

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

James D. Varmay
Acting Secretary
of the Council

James D. Varmay
President of the Council

Date July 7, 1994Date July 7, 1994

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 94-21 (July 7, 1994)

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

James D. Varmay
Acting Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 11th day of July, 1994 at 3:00 p. m.

James D. Varmay
Acting Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Julien M. Redmann
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date July 12, 1994

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 94-47, as amended), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on July 12, 1994.

James D. Varmay
Acting Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 13, 1994

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